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TO : Acting Chief, FBIS

FROM : Chief, German Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report -- April 1964

DATE: 8 May 1964

I. GENERAL

As a result of heightened customer interest in still-photo coverage of East Berlin television, the bureau increased its activity in this direction. These efforts produced 169 pictures which were considered worthy of Headquarters' attention. The visit of Soviet Defense Minister Malinovskiy to East Germany was the principal event covered. Additional information of the bureau's still-photo coverage during the month is contained in the Operations Attachment. The recent written evaluation by customers of the bureau's still-photo efforts has been very helpful and more such evaluations will be much appreciated.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial

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2. Due to deteriorating reception at Caversham, the German Bureau assumed coverage of GDR I 1200-1700 GMT and BERLINER RUNDFUNK from sign-on to 2000, and in return BBC took over Moscow German to Germany 1700-1730 and 1900-2000.
3. During the visit of Soviet Defense Minister Malinovskiy to East Germany, open watch was maintained on East Berlin television (audio and video) from sign-on to sign-off, and on BERLINER RUNDFUNK from sign-on until 2000 GMT. The recently acquired second still-photo camera proved invaluable during the Malinovskiy visit.
4. The program for on-the-job training of monitors in audio-video monitoring was dovetailed in with the open watch on East Berlin television during the Malinovskiy visit. Unclassified photographs of East German and Soviet leaders and of types of military hardware--which will be used as part of this training--were received during the month.

B. Technical

As part of its efforts to improve its still-photo-coverage capability, the bureau has been experimenting with devices which will automatically provide each photo with a sourceline. So far these efforts have produced somewhat indifferent results, but they will continue in an attempt to develop a system which will automatically sourceline (and give the GMT time for) each photo. with such a system it will be relatively easy to match picture coverage with the running editorial reports of such things as parades and other fast-moving and lengthy events. Experience to date indicates that a two-member monitor team is required to provide simultaneous audio and video coverage of such events.

## III. VISITS

a. To the Bureau:

[redacted], Chief of RPB Support Staff, visited the bureau 5-8 April.

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b. From the Bureau:

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## Attachments:

1. Monthly Classified Personnel Report
2. Monthly Foreign Personnel Report
3. Operations Attachment

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Attachment # 3

OPERATIONS ATTACHMENT

- A. Total weekly hours of broadcasts monitored 69.8
- B. Additional, unscheduled monitoring during the month 160 hours.
- C. The Bureau filed a total of 367,400 words to Headquarters, of which 22,360 were nonpublishable.
- D. The Bureau filed or relayed 150,820 words of FBIS material to
- E. Unauthorized outages on the Frankfurt-London direct line totaled 66 hrs 22 min.
- F. THE WEEKLY REPORT ON THE EAST GERMAN PRESS total wordage was 72,000.
- G. As part of RPB's coding project for selected communist publications, 2 code cards were mailed to Headquarters.
- H. Still-picture coverage of television produced 169 pictures from the following broadcasts carried by East Berlin television:

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Newsreels 1-10 April (Malinovskiy visit).

Newsreel 2 April (Schwedt, Stralsund).

German-Soviet Friendship Rally in Berlin, 2 April.

Rostock Economic Report, 3 April.

"The Review," 9 April (Schwedt, Soviet Tube Factory).

"Television Academy," 1 April (Schwedt, Rostock Port).

"Our People's Army," civics instruction program, 10 April.

Intervision relay of Soviet-Polish Friendship Rally, 15 April.

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